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STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD  
September 9, 2016

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Ms. Eraina Ortega, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Finance  
Mr. Jeff McGuire, Chief Deputy Director, Department of General Services  
Mr. Malcolm Dougherty, Director, Department of Transportation

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Ms. Eraina Ortega, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.  
Ms. Karessa Belben, Executive Assistant for the Board, called the roll. A quorum was established.

**ACTION:**

The first order of business was to hear the action items. Ms. Lukenbill presented the Action Items to the Board.

Action Item 1: If approved, the requested action would authorize site selection of four parcels in full or in part in Madera and Kern Counties

Staff recommended authorizing site selection.

There were no comments or questions from the Board or public.

**A motion was made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mr. McGuire to approve the Action Item. The Action Item was approved by a 3-0 vote (Ms. Ortega, Mr. Dougherty, and Mr. McGuire all voting aye).**

Action Item 2: If approved, the action would adopt 8 Resolutions of Necessity authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire properties in Kings and Kern counties, totaling approximately 5.8 acres. Specifically, the request would adopt Resolutions of Necessity for properties 1 and 3 through 9. The Shafter-Wasco Ginning Company property was pulled from the agenda and was not part of the vote.

Mr. Ephraim Egan, acting as Counsel to the Board on eminent domain issues presented the Resolutions of Necessity.

Staff recommended adoption of the Resolutions.

Barbara Brimager and Julie Babich addressed the Board in regard to their property, listed on the agenda as property #8. Ms. Brimager offered the Board some history of her property before asking that the Board consider a larger settlement so that they can buy a comparable home. Ms. Babich also addressed the Board, offering the Board more history and stating that she and her mother are looking forward to the High Speed Train system.

Ms. Ortega thanked Ms. Brimager and Ms. Babich for attending the meeting and giving their perspective. Ms. Ortega stated that she was comfortable that High Speed Rail authority would continue negotiations.

Mr. McGuire and Mr. Dougherty also thanked Ms. Brimager and Ms. Babich for attending the meeting and shared Ms. Ortega's sentiments. Mr. Dougherty offered Ms. Babich information regarding appraisals and relocation assistance that may be available.

**A motion was made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mr. McGuire to approve the Action Item. The Action Item was approved by a 3-0 vote (Ms. Ortega, Mr. Dougherty, and Mr. McGuire all voting aye).**

**REPORTABLES:**

Staff presented the reportables for the period August 13 through September 9, 2016, for general Board items and also for property acquisitions for the High Speed Rail Authority.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Ms. Ortega stated the next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 113 at the State Capitol.

Ms. Ortega asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or the public. Seeing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.